

Appl. No. 09/747,327
Amdt. dated April 19, 2005

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on January 26, 2005, in which claims 1-3 were rejected, claims 4-8 were objected to and claims 9-16 were allowed. Claims 1-3 are cancelled and claims 4-8 are amended herewith.

In Item 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Trans (US 2002/0181633 A1). Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with this rejection, claims 1-3 are cancelled herewith in order to expedite the allowance of claims 4-16. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims 1-3 in a continuation application.

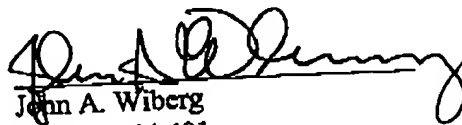
In Item 3 of the Office Action, claims 4-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 4-6 and 8 have been amended to be in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 7 is dependent on claim 6 and therefore believed to be allowable with this amendment. Thus, Applicant submits claims 4-8 are allowable.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 4-16.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment by this submission to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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